

# Umpqua Valley Radio Club

## WATT'S UP

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Newsletter for the Umpqua Valley Amateur Radio Club

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### Club Officers

President Dennis Riggs WA7RIG

1st Vice President Lynn Patterson W7HDU

2nd Vice President Rick Kluver W7DFV

Secretary LaDon Snyder KA7AAR

Treasurer Jim Stuntz KF7FIB

Members-at-Large: Ralph Lamell (Ki7BRN) Lee Stumpe (K7AZW)

Sergeant at Arms Ralph Lamell (Ki7BRN)

### NETS

Boomer Hill 147.120 (-) PL 100.HZ Wednesday at 1900 hours

HF Net Wednesday at 1930 hours at 28.405 MHZ USB

ARES Nets Douglas County ARES District 5 Ares 3964 KHz Sundays at 1730 Hours

146.900 repeater PL 100. Net is Mondays at 1900 Hours

Club Call Signs KC7TLY (Lane) KC7UAV (Boomer)

## President's Message

**It was good to see everyone at the meeting, and there was a good turnout.**

**Some change to our Wednesday night net, Boomer has become our primary**

**Repeater as Lanemt. Has been turned over to ARES. We have retained the license and the KC7TLY call. This is saving the club over \$400.00 a year in power bills.**

**I am also looking for stand in net controls for the 2 meter simplex net on Friday nights. Just to change up the net with Net Control operators from different locations. Contact me by phone or radio if you are interested, I monitor Boomer and 146.520. Also I want to give everyone that we will have an Auction in May for the Repeater fund. And thanks to Doug (KW6E) for his very informative presentation on FT8 and the clubs next build project. A 2 meter antenna. And last we need to hear from the Field Day committee with a status report at the next meeting.**

**Everyone Take Care Lynn W7HDU**

# **UVARC Meeting Minutes March 21, 2019**

**Meeting called to order by Vice President Lynn Patterson 22 present.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Introductions by Name and Call sign**

**Last Meeting Minutes read by Secretary LaDon Snyder, report accepted by Vote.**

**Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Jim Stunts. The report was accepted by vote.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Was the announcements of club Breakfast at Denny's every Saturday at 730 am and Lunch at China Buffet every Tuesday at 11 am**

**Vice President Lynn Patterson brought up the issues of the proliferation of the cheap Chinese radios in the county and the Local Merchants will sell these radios to anybody that will pay the money. Amazon will sell to anybody also. There was much discussions on the issue with comments that scanner listeners have most of the frequencies and look at our own web site which lists all the local repeaters with their PL codes. One Club Member pointed out that the chine radios can be programmed with the software Chirp that is a free software off of the Internet. Lynn also brought up that he would like to see the Friday night Net Control be moved around the county to see who can hear from what area. Treasurer Jim Stuntz gave a talk on the Club Members and Don Whitaker Logging and the rescue of Alex Boyd and wife who was snowbound on a remote lookout. At this time a 15 minute break was taken.**

**Doug Hockinson (KW6E) gave a Video Presentation on digital program FT8 with many examples with a time for questions to be answered. Vice President Lynn called for a close of the meeting, meeting closed by vote,**

**VE Testing and License Upgrading Schedule** VE Testing sessions are affiliated with the ARRL. They scheduled the second Wednesday of even month except August. Sessions are held in Roseburg at the Douglas County Courthouse, Room 310, 6:00 PM. For further information contact Jim, WA6KHG, (541)496- 2262 ARRL VEC Test Fee for 2019 (currently) is \$15.00 This fee is charged once, no matter whether taking any one, two, three or all four test elements, one time. Retests of an element failed at the same test session will require payment of an additional test fee. 2019

**TEST DATES 2019 April 17 June 19--OCTOBER 16th---DEC 18<sup>th</sup>**

When there is a declared emergency every amateur radio operator should check-in to the net and monitor. You don't have to be an ARES member to help! We would need people in all areas of Douglas Co. to report their situation, call in emergencies, and maybe check streams and bridges. Most people can get into the UVARC repeater. There were several new hams who checked in and monitored during the snow storm. Amateur radio was the life line for a ham and his wife stuck in the mountains by snow and fallen trees. In history, amateur radio operators have been there during times of emergency. That is one of the reasons FCC and Congress protect our radio spectrum. Please consider during weather situations and emergencies to check into the local repeater and monitor. It might be you someday that needs help.

Jerry Eifert AE7ER

**STEAM** Extravaganza will be returning to Umpqua Community College on May 18, 2019 from 10 am to 3 pm and will be featuring a variety of fun, hands on activities for the whole family.

The Umpqua Valley STEAM Hub invites the community to explore and play during the free event. Showcasing activities in areas of science, technology, engineering, arts and innovation and math.

A few of the events and activities planned include a Solar System Walk; Junior FLL Expo and robotics demonstrations, drone demos and competitions: interactive activities for all ages, pre-school to adult: The school's cafeteria will be open during the event.